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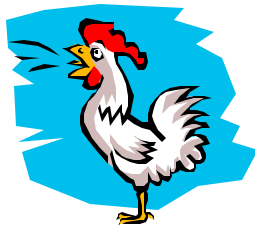
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was seasonally light to fair, best into fast food. Supplies were adequate to well balanced with some reports of incoming shipments being delayed because of adverse road and weather conditions in some production areas. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance to tight and clearing well. Bone-in breasts were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate interest. The remaining items were at least sufficient for the generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 29th of December, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	126.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	24.00
WINGS	85.00

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 12/23/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	179,859	180,335	0
CHICKS PLACED	144,970	143,292	+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 180 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 23, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 23, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through December 23, 2000, were 7.33 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 146.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.11 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to no better than fair as dealers maintained limited floorstocks and continued to work on a hand-to-mouth basis. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to well balanced. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm.

Movement through retail and distributive channels remained seasonally slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were ample and often sharply discounted. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were more than sufficient. Wings were in the strongest position with dealers finding product short of full needs.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was light to fair and seasonal, best into fast food channels. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued in the best position and were well cleared. Bone-in breasts were readily available and difficult to place. Dark meat items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate, with weights in a full range, mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional Wogs and whole fryers were mixed, but sufficient for the limited buyer needs. Movement into retail accounts was very light to fair at best. Features were limited and some were withdrawn due to concerns of transportation problems. Food service demand was mixed, slow to moderate. Opinions varied as to increases in demand by week's end. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights desirable. Road and weather conditions in production areas were cause for concern with receivers closely watching developments in order to ascertain availability of product near term. In the parts complex, offerings were fully sufficient except for wings, which were in short supply and wanted. Trading was light overall. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and cautiously steady on the balance of items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings of local product adequate overall, southern product in close balance where winter weather conditions effected production. Demand fair for whole body, fairly good for parts. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, barely steady on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light and unaggressive, but was sufficient to satisfactorily clear seller offerings. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules varied and were moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breasts were readily available. Boneless skinless breast were fully adequate. Leg items were fully adequate to ample and wings remained short and wanted.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	42-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.65
NO. OF BOXES	11,500

\*5 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>POUNDS (000)</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
BREAST - B/S	946	105.00-185.00	125-135	134.13
TENDERLOINS	163	135.00-190.00	140-145	147.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	59.00-64.50	60-61	60.20
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	31.00-43.00	31-32	32.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	181	17.00-20.00	18-19	17.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,726	17.50-24.00	21-23	21.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	259	82.00-86.00	82-84	85.38
WINGS (CUT)	581	87.00-109.00	92-95	97.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 27, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>	<b>5-DAY AVERAGE</b>
29.50 - 34.50	31.32	33.98

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were ample and available at sharp discounts. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate, and dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings remained the strongest item and were usually short of full needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts, fully steady to firm on wings, about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</b>	<b>WTD AVG**</b>	<b>VOL/LBS</b>
BREAST - B/S	115-120	122.08	528,160
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.79	130,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	47-48	56.95	288,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	47	45.04	230,600
LEGS	33-34	36.68	209,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.89	406,120
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.51	198,320
THIGHS	30-31	28.27	187,360
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.68	59,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	90.65	310,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	74,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.74	90,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.81	134,400

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	<b>ESTIMATED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>AVG WTS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>AVG WTS</b>
	05/31 05/30	05/29 05/26	05/29 05/26	05/24 05/22	
	12/27 12/26	12/25 12/22	12/25 12/22	12/20 12/18	
ALA	3,861 2,529	Holiday 3,276	Holiday 4.85	3,613 5.01	
ARK	5,095 N/A	Holiday N/A	Holiday N/A	5,325 5.05	
DELMARVA	2,372 2,233	Holiday 2,043	Holiday 5.07	2,159 4.99	
KY-LA-TN	1,968 1,789	Holiday 1,933	Holiday 4.47	1,976 4.46	
MISS	2,813 3,000	Holiday 2,349	Holiday 4.97	2,452 5.18	
NC	2,651 2,137	Holiday 2,527	Holiday 6.01	2,656 5.90	
TEXAS	2,314 1,859	Holiday 2,330	Holiday 4.99	2,287 4.93	
TOTAL	21,074 13,547	0 14,458	0.00 5.00	20,468 5.09	
MON-WED	34,621 (B)			60,481 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above N/A NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO WEATHER.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Dec AND is estimated to be 31,529,000 up 1.14 percent from a week ago and up 1.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,029,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<b>RANGE</b>
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/30/00(1)	12/23/00
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	124,115(2)	155,650
LT HENS	1,318	1,329
HVY HENS	745	1,190
TOTAL	126,178	158,169

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Dec-00 is 137.1 million head compared to 129.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 124.4 million head or 12.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 06-Jan-01 the estimated available is 139.4 million head.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/26/00	12/18/00	12/28/99	12/26/00	12/18/00	12/28/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,532	6,231	5,789	6,103	7,222	13,056
LOS						
ANGELES	106	119	131	2,048	2,022	3,884

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 12/26/00

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.10	1.35	1.19	HEAVY FOWL	ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL	ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.45	1.50	1.46	MIXED FOWL	ea.	2.75	4.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.10	-	BANTAMS	ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS	ea.	-	4.00
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS	ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS	ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS	ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	1.30	1.80	1.45	PULLETS	ea.	5.00	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES	ea.	1.00	1.50
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ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.85	1.49	ROOSTERS	ea.	-	6.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE	ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS	ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.65	1.28	DUCKS	ea.	-	1.50
RABBITS lb.	1.10	2.00	1.57	RABBITS	ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS	ea.	-	2.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL	ea.	4.00	5.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS	ea.	-	.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS	ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-	GOSLINGS	ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 59

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2000

HENS		RANGE
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-63
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

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